

Report

Nottinghamshire
County Council



meeting **ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT

SHEEPBRIDGE LANE/QUARRY LANE/OAKHAM BUSINESS PARK LINK – OPENING CEREMONY

Purpose of Report

1. To seek approval for hospitality to be provided at the opening ceremony of the Sheepbridge Lane/Quarry Lane/Oakham Business Park Link to be held in summer 2005.

Background

2. The Local Transport Strategy for the West Nottinghamshire Area, contained within the North Notts Local Transport Plan (LTP), has two strands – one to assist regeneration by providing improved links for developments to the strategic road network, and the other a parallel programme to reduce traffic congestion and provide sustainable travel and road safety. The Sheepbridge Lane/Quarry Lane/Oakham Business Park link forms an integral part of this strategy.
3. The completion of the scheme fulfils the planning condition permitting Phase 2 of the Oakham Business Park to become operational. The Business Park is a key element of the regeneration programme in the area. In addition, the scheme also helps resolve existing problems of peak period congestion at the Coxmoor Road/Cauldwell Road and A38 Sutton Road/Hermitage Lane junctions by redistributing traffic from these parts of the network and improves links for public transport, cyclists and pedestrians.
4. The scheme is due for completion this summer, 2005, and it is proposed to hold an opening ceremony to celebrate the event.

Arrangements for the Event

5. It is proposed to hold the event from approximately 11.00 am, date to be agreed, starting on site before moving on to a local public house for a buffet lunch and refreshments. A venue will be chosen which has facilities for people with disabilities. The event will conclude around 1.30 pm. The cost of providing the hospitality is estimated to be £500.

6. It is intended to invite Members and Chief Officers of the County Council as appropriate along with officers from the County Council involved in the delivery of the scheme. Mansfield District Council have been key partners and representatives will also be invited from that authority. Invitations will also be offered to the businesses fronting the scheme and from the Oakham Business Park.

Statutory and Policy Implications

7. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, crime and disorder and those using the service. Where such implications are material, they have been brought out in the text of the report. Members' attention is, however, drawn to specifics as follows:

Financial Implications

8. The costs associated with the event are circa £500 and would be funded from the scheme budget.

RECOMMENDATION

9. It is RECOMMENDED that approval be given to provide hospitality as set out in Paragraph 5 of this report.

PETER WEBSTER
Director of Environment

Director of Resources' Financial Comments

The financial implications are as set out in the report. [KRP 15.6.05]

Legal Services' Comments

The decision falls within the delegation to Administration Committee. [SHB 15.6.05]

Background Papers Available for Public Inspection

None.

Electoral Division(s) Affected

South Mansfield

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